

Up to the Minute SPORTING NEWS From Everywhere.

COFFEY SUES BOSS

He Accuses McGill of Improper Conduct With His Wife.

Sudden Resignation of "Gentleman Jack" Now Explained.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 13.—Two suits for damages, each for \$25,000 have been filed in district court against Jas. C. McGill, owner of the Denver Western league and the Indianapolis American association baseball teams, it was learned today. One suit was filed by John F. ("Jack") Coffey, former manager of the Denver team, and the second was filed by Louisa E. Coffey, his wife. Each complaint charges McGill with improper conduct toward Mrs. Coffey.



"Gentleman Jack" Coffey who accuses his boss, the Denver W. L. club, of improper conduct with his wife.

At the office of the district clerk it was stated the suits were filed Tuesday and an effort was made to suppress the fact. The complaint in the suit filed by Coffey alleges that Mrs. Coffey was subjected to indignities by McGill during an automobile ride with him August 25, 1915.

Coffey resigned from the Denver team September 3, a few days before the end of the Western league season and while Denver still had a chance for the pennant. No reason for Coffey's action was given at the time.

ICHABODS LOST AGAIN.

Jayhawk Quintet Smothered Washburn Under a 38 to 10 Score.

Lawrence, Kan., Jan. 13.—In a combat that resembled football more than baseball, Coach Hamilton's Jayhawk quintet Wednesday night defeated Coach Gray's Ichabods 38 to 10. The inexperienced Washburn team was doped to lose to Kansas by a top-heavy score. However, the Topeka team played surprisingly well defensive and at the end of the first half Kansas had been held to a 15 to 4 score. Nelson, playing guard for Washburn, counted all but two of the Ichabods' scores.

Kansas was weakened early in the game when Captain "Slats" Cole was forced out because of four personal fouls. Two Topeka boys attending the university, "Sleepy" Holt and Elwood Washburn, appeared in the lineup against Washburn.

Lineup and score:	G.	F.	E.
Kennedy, F.	2	0	0
Gibbons, F.	4	3	0
Cole (Capt.)	0	0	4
Nelson, G.	1	0	3
Appel, E.	3	0	1
Washburn, F.	0	0	1
Rosier, F.	5	5	0
Washburn, F.	0	0	1
Roach, E.	0	0	1
Lytle, E.	0	0	1
Miller, E.	0	0	0
Holt, G.	0	0	0
Uhlman, G.	0	0	1
Totals	15	8	14
Washburn	15	8	14
Bear, F.	0	0	1
Butler, F.	1	0	1
Washburn, F.	0	0	1
Nelson, G.	2	4	3
McCall, G.	0	0	0
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Drake, F.	0	0	1
Partridge, F.	0	0	1
Totals	3	4	10
Referee—Hoover, Baldwin.			

NAUGHTY, NAUGHTYTOM

Big Black Cat Fights Girls—Beats It When Cop Pursues.

New York, Jan. 13.—Although they were repeatedly hit by the hands and legs, Mary Gordon, 15 years old, and Catherine Walsh, 14, for more than half an hour last night fought a big black cat in the Walsh apartment on the fourth floor of a tenement house in Williamsburg.

Miss Gordon, who lives in the same house, and Miss Walsh were resting in the parlor of the latter's home, when Teddy, a tom cat, suddenly appeared upon Miss Gordon's back. He sank his claws into her shoulder and was about to bite her when her companion knocked the animal to the floor.

Girls Cry for Help.

The cat then sprang on Miss Walsh and bit her several times in the left leg, being beaten off by Miss Gordon who had procured a stick. For the next half hour the cat held the girls prisoners in the room until neighbors, hearing their cries, summoned police.

A policeman attacked the cat with his night stick but it evaded his blows and escaped to the street. On the way down stairs the policeman fired two shots at the animal.

Dr. Babcock, who was summoned from the Greenpoint hospital, took both girls to the hospital where, after cauterizing their wounds, they were permitted to go to their homes.

NOW FRED FULTON WILL NOT FIGHT PORKY FLYNN

New Orleans, Jan. 13.—Because he figures that Fred Fulton, of Rochester, Minn., would gain nothing by fighting Porky Flynn here after the latter's defeat Monday night at Memphis by Jack Dillon, Mike Collins, manager of the Minnesota giant, announces he had accepted terms with Jimmie Johnston of the Garden Athletic club, New York, for a 15-round bout between Fulton and Frank Moran there in February. Tommy Burns has agreed to match the winner of the New York bout with Willard here during March.

of these things is a pretty good man to keep.

Last summer Polly McLarry was tendered a contract binding him to the Cubs for 1916, but he indignantly refused because the consideration was not satisfactory. And now he has to go to the Coast league. The habit of getting indignant over trifles is sometimes as disastrous as the drinking habit.

The Haskell Indian institute, which usually has one of the heaviest football schedules played by a Kansas institution, is preparing again for a strenuous year. Announcement has been made of games arranged with the University of Wisconsin, Notre Dame, Texas A. & M., and several Kansas schools.

"Cy" Sherman, of the Lincoln Star, announces that Dr. Stewart, the new Nebraska coach impressed members of the Husker board as a man of polish, education and high ideals—a man of such charm from the standpoint of personality that he at once appealed to the authorities as the very one they were seeking for the position of athletic director.

Truly, the authorities must have changed since they employed Stelm for this position. "Jumbo" impressed one as a man who forgot to stop growling for the last time. He wore a peculiar style of skypiece for a man strong on the "polish" stuff, and his high ideals didn't keep him from playing with peculiar tops along the sidelines when games were in progress.

But, in spite of all these short comings, Jumbo was the greatest coach the Missouri Valley ever had since Yost went to Michigan, and his ideal of the game seemed to be high enough for the Cornhuskers until some of the faculty members became jealous of his play check.

That there will be some argument over the length of this season's Western league is certain. The magazine met at Lincoln seems certain. The ideal baseball weather that prevailed through most of the football season fall has convinced some of the club owners that they at least should have a 154 game schedule. Others think it would be better to stick to the 140 program of last year.

WILLARD WANTS \$30,000.

James Says Champion Will Not Meet Moran for a Cent Less.

Excelsior Springs, Mo., Jan. 13.—"I will not sign Willard for less than \$20,000 for his share, and there is no chance for the fight to take place before the first part of April," said Tom Jones, Jess Willard's manager, here in speaking of the announcement of the proposed Willard-Moran match in New York on March 2.

"I have not signed any agreement for Willard to fight, Jack Curley, who is interested with me in the management of Willard, is coming to see me today, but I do not know what arrangements will be made."

Not a "Rube" Game.

A great many horseshoe pitching enthusiasts predict that the game will soon have as many followers in the state as golf and tennis and they hope that it may, in time, become a rival of baseball. The old notion that horseshoe pitching was a "rube" amusement is passing, as is shown by the fact that tournaments are being held in the larger cities regularly. A large city in Ohio recently held a horseshoe pitching tournament and Kansas City has been holding one for some time.

The game has always been more or less of an all-year sport, and when it was largely confined to the rural districts was indulged in to considerable extent during the winter months, being usually played in a convenient blacksmith shop or a barn. And now that the sport is invading the cities, the modern conveniences make indoor pitching almost as attractive as the outdoor pastime.

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IT'S AN OLD GAME TO YE Highbrows

Horseshoe Pitching Dates Back to Days of Cave Men.

It Is Now Becoming a Great Sport in Kansas.

Golf, baseball, bowling, checkers, chess and all other games that Kansas enthusiasts are wont to boast of because of their growth, popularity and following, are all right in their way, but there are many Sunflower sportsmen who will tell you that none of them amount to very much and that it is only a matter of time until the more enticing, more invigorating and more ancient game of horseshoe pitching will push them all off the boards. This is the only sport a real sport loving Kansan will give a tinker's dam about.

Any horseshoe pitcher will tell you that the game is one of the oldest in the world, dating back beyond the time when the modern Greeks thought more of their pentathlon contests than Americans now think of their annual world's series.

Many changes. However, like all things that survive the centuries, the game has undergone many changes since it first sprang into the limelight as a popular pastime, and it is possible that Demosthenes, Plato, Ulysses and the other good sports of the old days would not recognize it were they to come back to earth and attempt to play a few sets.

Horseshoe pitching is supposed to have first come into existence when the cave men amused themselves after supper by throwing round boulders at one another. It is very similar to the method of scoring and counting points. The term "ringer" used by horseshoe pitchers is also used in quoits.

There may be some who doubt the early history of the game as it is told above, but there can be little doubt that it is a direct descendant of quoits, and it is absolutely certain that quoits had its origin in the discus throwing of the ancients.

Close Relationship.

To become familiar with the close relationship between quoits and horseshoe pitching it is only necessary to compare the rules of the two games. The pins are planted in a similar manner in clay beds, the method of scoring is very similar as is the method of scoring and counting points. The term "ringer" used by horseshoe pitchers is also used in quoits.

And now horseshoe pitchers believe that their sport is going to become one of the greatest in America. The game is especially prevalent in Kansas, which is the center of the horseshoe pitching activities of the world just now. The champion pitcher of the world is a Kansan and a butcher, and in some parts of the state matches and tournaments draw as big crowds as baseball and football games.

The game has grown so rapidly in the past few years that Henry Meade, president of the American Horseshoe Pitchers' association, which has headquarters in Kansas City, has just announced the establishment of a "farm" for beginners at three game, its purpose is to provide instruction for those who are not expert, and with the establishment of the Kansas league and football games.

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original sources. There seems to be a desire in Brooklyn to understand anarchy. I want to know; others want to know. Miss Goldman is perhaps the best informed persons on the subject.

Free Love, Anarchy Disciple to Address Civitas Club.



Branch Rickey.

Peace in baseball may be an excellent thing for the game, but it butters few pennants for Branch Rickey. Had the war continued Rickey would have remained manager of the St. Louis Browns. He was loyal to organized baseball. Fielder Jones wasn't. Now Jones has Rickey's job.

Club President Explains.

The best authority, perhaps, as to the truth of the rumors of dissensions, in the president of the club, Mrs. Edwin A. Quinn, who is also president of the Woman's Branch of the City Mission society.

"The Civitas club," explained Mrs. Quinn, "is an inquiring body of intelligent women. Anarchy is a big subject. We want to know about it from the best authority, perhaps, as to the truth of the rumors of dissensions, in the president of the club, Mrs. Edwin A. Quinn, who is also president of the Woman's Branch of the City Mission society."

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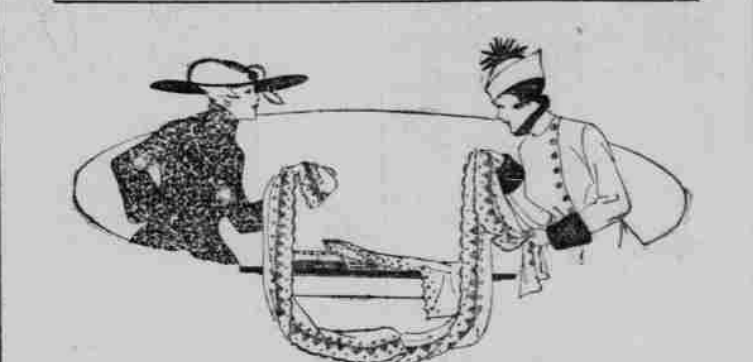
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McAllister and Tannehill, Vets of the Game, Released

Secretary J. H. Farrell, of the National Association of Professional Baseball Clubs, has just issued his first 1916 bulletin of minor league contracts, releases, sales, etc., which affect a number of players in the Western league. The bulletin comes out under date of January 5, and shows an unusual amount of dealing in the minors for this season of the year, indicating that many clubs are undergoing radical changes.

The only two trade releases from the Western league were made by the Lincoln and Des Moines clubs and "Pop" McAllister, the veteran catcher who was formerly with Topeka, and Lee Tannehill are the men.

"Pop's" release does not come as a surprise as the old vet announced after his last game here in 1915 that he expected to retire. However, it was not generally known that Isbell had met his old White Sox companion adrift.

The releases by purchase from and to the Western league are as follows: By Milwaukee to St. Joe, Patsy Bran-

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MUTT & JEFF—Yes, Indeed, These Mohammedan Troops Are Very Fierce. Oh, My, Yes

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